

Silver Jackets Meeting Minutes

October 11, 2016

Georgia Tech Student Center, Room 343

Minutes

Members Attending (31) Ron Bohlander, Kathy Tomajko, Nannette Dooley, Sandra Thornton, Annette Satterfield, Andy Smith, Eugene Patronis, Sally Hammock, Susan Keenan, C. A. Johnston Folds, Jo McIver, Ed Rondeau, Walter Allen, Janis Goddard, Greg Huseh, John Muzzy, Earl Cagle, Martha Farley, Steve Bomar, Sara Moore, Jo A. Freeman, Robert Green, Jerry Thuesen, Ian Gatland, Pat Davis, Tracey S. Coleman, Fred Andrew, Len Parsons, Steve Dickerson, Mage Boehme, Ward Winer

Visitors (1) Harriet Thuesen

Business Meeting

President Len Parsons opened the meeting and welcomed the members.

Annette Satterfield reported that two of our members were having serious health problems: Frank Roper and Mary Ann Salter.

University System of Georgia Retiree Council Representative Andy Smith handed out copies of USG/Aon communications being mailed to 65 and over retirees.

Reservation forms for the **Holiday Luncheon** were distributed. The event is scheduled for **12:00 Noon, Thursday, December 1**, at the **Petite Auberge Restaurant**, Toco Hills Shopping Center, 2935 N. Druid Hills Road, Atlanta, GA 30329. **Cost is \$25 per person** (includes tax and tip). **Payment:** Send check payable to Sara Hammock mailed to arrive by Tuesday, Nov 23, to: Sally Hammock, 2060 Arlington Avenue, NE, Atlanta, GA 30324.

Ward Winer, Past President, proposed the following slate of nominees for **2017 Officers**:

President, **Ron Bohlander** (GTRI)

Vice President, **Kathy Tomajko** (Library)

Secretary, **Janis Goddard** (OSP)

Treasurer, **Earl Cagle** (Purchasing)

The slate was elected by acclamation.

The speaker for November Meeting will be **Lee Gunn**, who is the author of a book entitled ***Cracking the Solid South*** about one of the founders of Georgia Tech, **John Fletcher Hanson**, for whom Hanson Residence Hall is named. She will be signing and selling her book.

President Parsons urged 65 and over members to review your healthcare coverage during Medicare Open Enrollment (October 15 – December 7). Do not assume you have already the best plan for 2017.

Each year both Medicare Advantage and Part D plans make changes to their benefits, cost-sharing, provider/pharmacy networks, and monthly premiums. Focus on total cost, not just premiums. If you are under 65 and happy with your USG group medical, life, dental and vision, no changes are necessary. If you do want to make a change, your open enrollment period is October 30 through November 11.

Program

Vice President Ron Bohlander introduced the speaker **Jennifer Leavey**, Integrated Science Curriculum Coordinator for the College of Sciences and Senior Academic Professional in the School of Biological Sciences, to speak to the members on the “**Urban Honeybee Project @ Georgia Tech**”.

Some topics covered in the presentation included:

Bees are not native to North America;

Decline of pollination poses a threat to the world food supply. Seventy-five (75) percent of food crops are dependent on pollination;

Threats to continued successful pollination: Habitat loss, disease (virus transfer to bees by mites), insecticides, larvacides, adulticides, misting systems;

Other topics included: Bee hives on top of Clough Building, volunteer program with classes available, undergraduate research projects, Georgia Tech certification as a “bee campus,” Georgia Tech mapping of pollination habitat, effect of climate change on bees over time, Metro Atlanta Beekeepers Association, different types of honey, identifying adulterated honey.

For more information, visit <http://bees.gatech.edu>.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Earl Green, Secretary